



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, speech, language and hearing disorders constitute this nation's most prevalent handicapping conditions; and

WHEREAS, there are 22.6 million Americans – about 10 percent of the population and approximately 100,000 living in Idaho – who have speech, language, or hearing impairments which affect their educational, vocational, personal, and social functions; and

WHEREAS, most people with communicative disorders can be helped by speech-language pathologists and audiologists but need to be made aware of these professions and how to obtain services; and

WHEREAS, Better Hearing and Speech Month is an annual national campaign to inform the public about communicative disorders and how and where to get help and to encourage early detection, proper treatment, and prevention of these disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005, to be

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

in Idaho, and I ask our citizens to join with me in honoring our many dedicated speech-language pathologists and audiologists for their outstanding work throughout Idaho and their efforts to facilitate greater awareness of speech, language, and hearing disorders and the treatment available in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE